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In re the Patent Application of:

HASHIMOTO

Application No. 10/044,651

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Title: "HYDRAULIC TENSIONER"

Art Unit: 3682

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Computation of Additional Fee for Amendment

☒ No Additional Fee is required.

☐ The Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee to the deposit account of the undersigned attorneys, **Deposit Account No. 04-1406**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | *SMALL ENTITY | | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | |
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| FOR | CLAIMS AFTER AMDT. | CLAIMS PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | FEE | RATE | FEE |
| EFFECTIVE TOTAL CLAIMS | 7 | 20 | 0 | \$ 9 | | \$ 18 | |
| IND. CLAIMS | 1 | 3 | 0 | 43 | | 86 | |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS? | | | | 145 | | 290 | |
| PETITION FEE FOR EXTENSION | | | | | | \$ | |
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Communication dated February 18, 2003, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

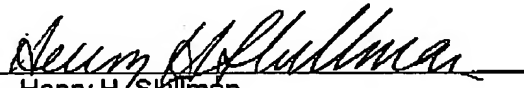
Please amend the claims as set forth in **Attachment D-1**.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 2, so as to define Applicants' invention over the disclosures of the references cited by the Examiner. With the allowability of Claim 1, dependent claims 3-8 are also allowable.

Early and favorable reconsideration leading to prompt passage of the case to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enc: Attachment D-1